



Monthly e-Newsletter

BTB Infrastructure Plan Approved



Mid term review meeting

Significant developments of the Battambang project are well underway as the infrastructure plans have recently been approved by the Battambang provincial governor.

The one-year extension of the Strategic Civil Society-Government Partnership to Deliver Land Tenure Security (SCSGPDTS) has allowed the project to complete the infrastructure design including cross-roads and drainage systems for the project site. 4 model house designs and the design of community center have also been completed. The accomplishments were then approved by the Battambang governor affirming its continued support to the progress of the project.

Along with this development, the project team has finalized the data collection of families living within the project site – families living in the site before the cut-off date of October 1997, families who lived there from the cut-off date and families that own a piece of land but do not have a house. The total number of families recorded is 334. Likewise, the governor has officially acknowledged the results of the survey as well as the land and house allo-

cation maps of the existing settlements.

The finalized designs and road mapping were made for the Garden Area (94,500 m²) that will serve as villagers' formal residence, which will also have community centers, workshops and a park. The project documents have now been submitted to Dr. Sareth Boramy, Director of LASED Program for the approval of Ministry of Land Management, Urban Planning and Construction.

The accomplishments of the project were highlighted during the Mid-term review conducted by the World Bank on 13 - 14 October as part of the regular evaluation of the Strengthening Civil Society-Government Partnership to Deliver Land Tenure Security (SCSGPDTS) project on Social Land Concession.

The program team is now preparing to organize community meetings to discuss the re-blocking plans, house construction and the strengthening of their saving groups.



Mid term review team pose with HFHC project staff

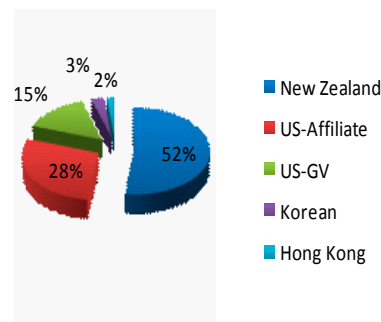
Khmer Harvest Build Volunteer Up-date

In less than a month, HFH Cambodia will welcome 300 volunteers to the Khmer Harvest Build. See you all soon!

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| New Zealand | - 154 |
| US Affiliates & Germany | - 80 |
| US-GV | - 45 |
| Korea | - 9 |
| Hong Kong | - 5 |

Volunteers to date - 293

Volunteer Registration



For more volunteer update information, please contact bells_borja@habitatcambodia.org or pk_leakhena@habitatcambodia.org

OVC Joins Partner and Family Selection Meeting

On 7 October, HFH Cambodia EHOPHHS project team brought together the International and local NGO partners and three home partners to join the Partner and Family Selection Meeting to discuss about updates on home partners' living condition, new house designs, livelihood opportunities, and to solicit feedback and suggestions from them.

Net Kemchhoeun, a 16 year-old boy, one among the three representatives took part in the meeting. Kemchhoeun used to live in a small rented house located in Russey Keo district along the river. His family has moved to live in the new house in Trapiang Anhchanh Community three months ago.

In a conversation, he said, "life at the new house is so much better. We are getting healthier because of the fresh air and good environment there. We are also able to increase our savings. Cost of water and electricity is cheaper and we do not need to pay for the rent. I am able to focus on my studies and my grades are really improving. I never once neglect my homework, because I have enough space and light to study at home, which I never experienced before. I am also pleased that I get to join meetings like this where I am able to share my ideas and learn from others."



Kemchhoeun and his family in their new home

Land-filling Project Improves Home Partner Wellbeing

Heng Eang and His wife Im Kimhour live with their three children in Trapaing Anchanh II Village, Phnom Penh for more than six years. Eang sells fried bananas in a local market while his wife is working at a cotton factory. They are now living in a small house on the higher land to keep them away from the flood brought about by the onslaught of rain. It was never easy before when they did not have access to financial help.

Until they received a Habitat loan that allowed his family to buy the land to fill the area inside and around the house to avoid the discomfort brought about by recurring floods. Back then, they they could not cook, travel to work easily, and their children were also not able to play safe on the ground. Their health was always at stake.

In October 2010, Eang was able to receive a land filling loan of US\$150. Eang is just six



Eang happily shows his newly secured house

months away from repaying this Habitat loan in full; he repayed US\$8 a month over the past 12 months.

Aside from the house loan, Habitat is providing micro-loans for families to be able to use and improving their living condition. These loans give families like Eang's a chance to improve their wellbeing and live secure and happier lives.

Skilled Workers Attend Construction Workshop



Group presentation activity

Eighteen skilled workers attended a two-day skilled training on 13th and 14th of October at Khemera's facility in Svay Park, Russey Keo.

The main objectives of the training were to increase the workers' awareness on safety on the worksite, improve their ability to read and understand construction plans and their ability to estimate volumes and amount of materials to be used on site. It was HFHC's opportunity to discuss the new housing designs.

Participants were divided into small groups to discuss their views on a topic and informal tests were conducted to ensure they each understood the topics.

Kelvin Au, HFHC volunteer from Engineers Without Borders, the presenter said "I believe the training session was successful. Majority of the attendees show interest in the topics that were taught and passed the informal tests. However in order to accurately gauge their understanding of the topics, we will need to carry out regular site visits to ensure the workers were able to apply their learning."



Skilled workers celebrate end of training



Highlights



HABITAT FOR HUMANITY CAMBODIA AND PARTNERS AT THE ASIA PACIFIC LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE AND ASIA PACIFIC HOUSING FORUM



Panel discussion during the APHF



Jonathan Reckford , HFHI CEO



Cambodian government officials and HFHC staff at the Housing Forum



APHF delegates



Rick Hathaway, HFHI Asia Pacific Vice President



HFH Cambodia received two awards



Charlie Ayco, HFHI Asia Pacific Program Dev. Director



Group discussion during the AP Leadership Conference



Steven Weir, HFHI VP, Global Program Development and Support



HFH Cambodia APHF Exhibit Booth



Peter Gape awarding HFH Philippines



Asia Pacific Leadership Conference



Jo Brennan, CEO HFH Australia with Mr. Reckford



APLC group photo



HFHI AP Communications team



'What will you build?' contest



Upcoming builds

CAMBODIA FLOODING UPDATE



Primary school in Siem Reap



Cows moved to safer grounds



Kandal province



A village in Pouk District, Siem Reap



Prey Veng province



Siem Reap province

Khmer Harvest Build

Almost there...

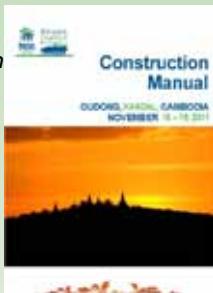
Remember to read through your pre-event materials

KHB Volunteer Manual: Allows you to access useful country facts, travel tips and gives you an over-all guide about the event.

KHB Construction Manual: Learn about the building process, activities and safety instructions for the build. Manual will be distributed on October 27.

KHB Family Stories: Get to know more about our home partners - the 22 families moving to their new home that you will build. Family Profiles will also be released on October 27.

KHB Construction Manual



KHB Volunteer Manual



KHB Family Stories

2011 Water Festival Boat Racing Cancelled

The Water Festival Boat Racing scheduled on November 09 to 11, has been canceled by the Cambodian Prime Minister. The decision was made to give more attention to the affected families of the recent flooding. He also mentioned that despite the cancellation of boat racing this year, other festivals will be celebrated as usual.

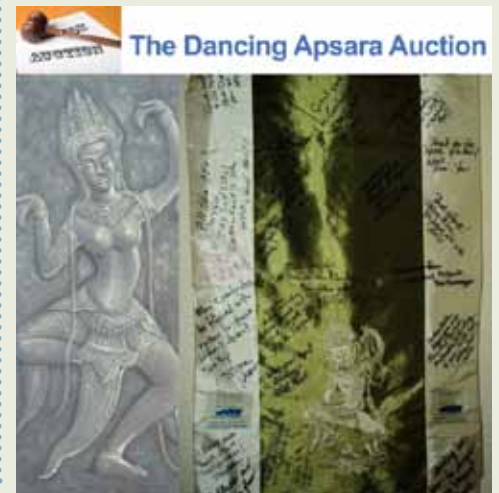
Ready to be on work mode? Here are the build week work highlights

1. House Building:
 - Laying Bricks
 - Mixing Concrete
 - Roof Installation
2. Soil Block Production:
 - Grinding Soil
 - Mixing Soil
 - Block Forming
3. Farming:
 - Vegetable planting
 - Irrigation system set-up
 - Ploughing of land

4. Fun...fun...fun!

The Dancing Apsara Auction

Prepare to make the best bid to bring home the Dancing Apsara!



The Community Center and the Farm



Community Center foundation building in progress



Working on the ground



Seeds have grown and ready for KHB event



Neale Kemp working hard as usual



A home partner feeding the fish

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Flood Situation in Cambodia

Annual floods hitting Cambodia since August continue to result to exceptionally high water levels in the Mekong River causing loss of human lives, now reaching 297 forcing and the evacuation of more than 34,000 households.

The floods destroyed crops and communal infrastructure, and affecting more than 1.1 million people. Flooding has spread across 17 of Cambodia's 24 provinces, also damaging 200,000 hectares of rice fields, which comprise nearly 10 percent of the country's harvest, according to the National Committee for Disaster Management (NCDM). Among the 17 province, the 5 largely affected areas are Kampong Thom, Siem Reap, Prey Veng, and Kampong Cham.

Various NGOs, including Habitat for Humanity, have conducted rapid assessments in different areas of concern. Common findings show that the immediate needs for those affected areas are: food, shelter to alleviate the crowded living conditions in communal areas such as pagodas; access to safe drinking water, as existing sources have been contaminated by floodwaters; hygiene practices are poor and threatens to contaminate food and water sources. Evacuation mechanisms were scattered - 70% of the displaced families and children stay at pagodas, roads sides and their unaffected neighbors, while 30% stay on upper-land with limited access to food, shelter, sanitation, hygiene and water. Health centers are mostly flooded and cannot be accessed, and very limited health practitioners are able to visit the displaced families in the flooded areas. The main primary health concerns are fever and flu, diarrhea, typhoid and skin disease.

NCDM is now collaborating with NGOs and other stakeholders in planning to carry out a recovery needs assessment. Habitat for Humanity is expecting that its disaster response operation will take place in the provinces of Siem Reap and Kandal upon securing the necessary funding.



Angkor Chum Referral Hospital, Siem Reap



Flood in Pouk District, Siem Reap

New Faces



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We warmly welcome **Justin Landis**, **Ngin Thymai** and **Chea Bunseng**. Justin is a volunteer from US and is working with us as a Volunteer Program Assistant based in Phnom Penh and will be with us for six months to support the volunteer program team for the Khmer Harvest Build. Justin brings with him a twelve-year experience in construction and home building. Thymai and Bunseng are constant supporters of the volunteer program. They bring with them experience of working with Habitat Global Village Volunteers. Both of them are also here to support the Khmer Harvest Build.

Upcoming Events

24 – 26 October

CEO and BOD of TCF Visit Phnom Penh, Oudong and Siem Reap Project

27 October

Housing Finance Road Show by HFH AP in Phnom Penh

28 October

King Coronation Day (Office Close)

29 October

King Norodom Sihanouk's Birthday

29 October – 11 November

Global Village Team from Australia in Siem Reap

31 October – 4 November

HFH Australia CEO Build in Phnom Penh

09 – 11 November

Water Festival (Office Close)

15 – 19 November

Khmer Harvest Build Event in Oudong

Or Kunh!



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